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Wilcock, John Milton "Jack" (McCall 1946)

Jack, 78, passed away on March 29, 2003 at his home in Desert Springs, Ariz.

Jack was born on January 4, 1925 at Cedar City, Utah. He graduated from Panguitch High School in Utah but interrupted his college education at Utah State to join the Navy pilot training in 1944.

When the war ended in 1945, he began his smokejumping career in McCall in 1946. Jack jumped in 1946 and 1947 in McCall, attended forestry summer camp in 1949 and returned to jump out of Idaho City in 1949, 51, and 52. Jack made 65 Forest Service jumps, 46 of them were fire jumps.

Later Jack went on to become a District Ranger. Jack and his wife, Eunice, celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1991.

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